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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipps

## Grand opening

The new Davis-Monthan Base Exchange celebrated here June 2 with a grand opening. The celebration kicked off with the posting of the Colors, followed by the Ft. Huachuca band, a speech from Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, cake and prize give aways for the more than 8,000 people in attendance. The new BX is 110,000 square feet and features a food court with Anthony's Pizza, Baskin-Robins, Charlie's Steakery, Popeyes Chicken, Taco Johns and Robin Hood Sandwiches. Starbucks Coffee will open in late August. The new BX also features many vendors, gift shops and concessionaries.

## D-M Airmen practice 'prepare to deploy'

By Staff Sgt. Cat Caigne  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Airmen from both the 355th Wing and the 55th Electronic Combat Group participated in an Operational Readiness Exercise Phase 1 June 2 through Sunday to test the base's ability at preparing to deploy.

"We had the exercise as part of our normal exercise schedule," said Lt. Col. Scott Stark, 355th Wing Plans and Inspections chief. "However, in preparation for Air and Space Expeditionary Force 7/8, we wanted to stress the mobility system to see if we are prepared. That is why the short tons and personnel numbers were significantly higher in the past."

Plans and inspections tasked the wing and 55th ECG with more than 530 short tons of equipment and 835 personnel.

"After going through the Air Force Instruction-approved processes, the deployment control center processed 383 short tons and 773 personnel," Colonel Stark said. "These reduced numbers demonstrated our unit's superb understanding of the mobility process. We also generated 23 of 24 primary aircraft and five of six spare aircraft. This total is significantly higher than any of the past several Phase I exercises."

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## Learning from other's mistakes can keep Airmen alive

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The combination of alcohol, speed and darkness is a perfect recipe for death for those who have a vehicle accident, said Davis-Monthan officials.

"A vast majority of the 101 Critical Days of Summer fatalities, twice the rate of the rest of the year, are car or motorcycle crash fatalities," said Lt. Col. John Masee, 355th Wing Chief of Safety. "The most common factors are alcohol, speed and darkness. As a matter of fact, your chance of survival

is running zero if all three are present and you get into an accident."

Deadly when combined, all three present significant dangers alone.

"Most people are very familiar with the affects of alcohol and sometimes poor decisions are made," Colonel Masee said. "However, unlike alcohol, many people do not understand why an increase in speed becomes such a high risk. A 10 mph increase in speed almost doubles the distance required to stop. For example, while at 40 mph a certain vehicle may need 140 feet to stop, at 50 mph it would need more than 200 feet to stop. And

that's under ideal conditions. This is why a small increase in speed creates a significant increase in energy and stopping distance."

While reduced visual acuity is a factor in the dangers of night driving, there are other factors to keep in mind.

"A fatigue factor can be present at night," Colonel Masee said. "Obviously, there's the risk of falling asleep, but many people do not realize a lack of sleep starts taking on similar affects as alcohol – reduced cognitive ability and reduced reaction times."

"Say someone gets off of work at the end of the day, packs for vaca-

tion, and heads out for an all night drive. As they proceed more into the night when they normally would be sleeping, it's as if they are steadily consuming alcohol," he said.

During the 2004 Critical Days of Summer, Air Combat Command lost 11 Airmen. Four of these were in private motor vehicle mishaps, one of which was a Davis-Monthan Airman. Base officials feel these accidents, while tragic, can be used to educate Airmen and their families in order to avoid any repeats this summer.

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### The January Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Tuesday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,572.1	924.2	2,449.2	162nd OSB	1,428.1	1,485.1	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,599.0	1,508.7	2,350.8	354th FS	7,709.3	7,420.0	11,296.5
55th RQS	2,122.3	1,833.1	2,880.0	357th FS	6,038.0	6,054.7	8,966.0
79th RQS	1,217.4	1,126.5	1,680.4	358th FS	5,972.0	6,080.1	8,948.0

### Click it or Ticket

The 355th Security Forces Squadron has joined the national campaign, Click It or Ticket. The campaign runs through Labor Day weekend. The base will enforce zero tolerance for speeding, non-seatbelt use and non-hands free cell phone use.

## Operational Readiness Exercise

Wow! That's the only way I can describe the fantastic job done by the Desert Lightning Team during the Phase I Operational Readiness Exercise. It was an absolute home run!

This past week, we built on momentum we created in February. On the flightline, we generated and launched 28 of 30 A-10s ... a first. The 41st and 43rd Electronic Combat Squadrons, the Compass Call squadrons, also generated and flew an unprecedented number of aircraft — 100 percent of the sortie requirements launched in less than 15 minutes!

How'd it happen? Teamwork. Leadership. Professionalism. The Desert Lightning way.

It started when the "Prepare-to-Deploy" order arrived. The Bulldog maintainers quickly turned over "their" jets to the 358th Fighter Squadron and 357th Fighter Squadron. They re-configured from training to a war-time load out. Up and down the flight line everyone jumped to support the effort. From sheet metal to ammo at Site 5, to 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel drivers standing by. The 372nd Training Squadron even contributed their talents to help troubleshoot a radar warning receiver problem.

In the 355th Operations Group, no one wanted to be left out. The 357th FS and 358th FS pilots set aside their fierce squadron pride to don Desert Lightning Red, White and Blue with their 354th Fighter Squadron counterparts. From manning the 355th Operations Support Squadron duty desk to standing ready to accept jets, they made a difference at every opportunity.

At the same time, at the cargo deployment function and personnel deployment function, we put through 773 Airmen and 383 short tons of equipment in just over 24 hours — a new record! It happened as maintenance officers set aside

their squadron affiliation to guide cargo through. Not a single 355th Maintenance Group pallet had a write-up. I don't recall any base having such a flawless cargo operation.

Our Airmen were equally impressive. We screened more than 1,000 mobility records and found only 14 errors, and Minor errors at that.

When asked what role he played in the ORE, one Airman said, "I didn't do a thing, I only processed through the line." I disagree that he did "nothing." He was one of the thousand who had perfect records. He only got that way by taking care of dozens of pre-deployment tasks before the horn went off. He was "ready to deploy" by completing his weapons training, physical health assessment and shot records — etc. He succeeded on the processing line weeks and months prior by sticking to the basics and not hesitating to do his part. That's why we succeeded. He did as much as anyone else.

Others contributed in many other unique ways. As the threat level increased, we increased our defensive posture. At one control point, I met an Airman from the 563rd Rescue Group. He was standing guard over the A-10 aircraft and maintainers. Think about that ... a tenant on the base, he stood the line and was accounted for. He was one of dozens of Airmen who answered the call augmenting the mission outside his primary Air Force Specialty Code.

This past weekend clearly showed that the Desert Lightning Team is ready. It demonstrated that our collective efforts to be prepared to deploy when called have paid off. As we shift our sights to Air and Space Expeditionary Force 7 and 8, we will need the same focus on preparation and diligence with the task at hand.

My thanks for a truly outstanding effort. I am and continue to be extraordinarily proud to serve with each and every one of you.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Schipps

(From left) Javier Cerna, senior vice president of the western region for Army & Air Force Exchange Service; Airman Nicole McEnany, Airman of the Quarter with the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Brig. Gen. Toreaser Steele, vice commander of AAFES; Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander; Steven Shields, representative coordinator with C.F. Gordon and Trish Rodriguez, wife of Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander (far right) cut a ribbon signifying the grand opening of the new Base Exchange here at Davis-Monthan June 2.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
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## Team D-M Mission Spotlight

Detachment 11 is part of the 982nd Training Group at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Detachment 11 serves all major commands, the Air Force National Guard, the Air Force Reserve and international students. It provides highly specialized training for maintenance of the A-10A Thunderbolt II, OA-10 and EC-130H. They provide canopy and egress training for the F-16 Eagle ACES II seat-ejection system. They also teach miniature and micro-minutiae circuit card repair training for all Air Force bases in the continental United States and Pacific Air Forces as well as students assigned to the U. S. Army and the U. S. Marine Corps.

Airman 1st Class Martha Aldea, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron (left), listens as Tech. Sgt. Cory Staudinger, 372nd Training Squadron, explains how the A-10's GAU-8 30-mm cannon operates during a class conducted at Davis-Monthan to educate Airmen.

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## Driving

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Michael Barnes, 355th Wing Ground Safety manager, said drivers can avoid the traps of the road by following a few suggestions. These include resting periodically, staying buckled-up, getting fresh air, making frequent stops, avoiding heavy food and alcohol, avoiding driving while on medication and limiting cell phone use to hands free devices only.

People should make great decisions through sound judgment and situational awareness, Colonel Massee said. "Leaving for an eight-hour drive right after work is poor judgment. Far too many people in this exact scenario have died, including one D-M Airmen last summer."

Sound judgment is not limited to ensuring personal health and well being before a car trip.

"Most people know to make sure their car is in proper condition before driving off on vacation," Colonel Massee said. "We just need to follow through and either check it out ourselves or have a professional do it."

To help members of the D-M community ensure their car's health, the Auto Skills Center offers a variety of services.

"The Auto Hobby Shop is a full-service repair shop with staff available to assist anyone working on their own vehicle or contract mechanics for those who do not wish to get their hands dirty," said Jody Evans, 355th Services Squadron Community Support Flight chief. They offer air-conditioning service and repair, engine-diagnostic service and other vehicle repairs, vehicle towing and lock-out service.

In addition, the owner of Jim Click Auto Group and a DM-50 member, offers a program to assist the families of deployed Airmen with maintaining their vehicles.

Until Labor Day Weekend, family members can receive services including oil and lube, tire rotation, brake checks, fluid top-off, battery service and more free of charge. The only stipulation is that the vehicle must be able to be serviced by one of their dealerships – Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Hyundai, Dodge, Nissan, Chrysler or Jeep. For more information regarding the program, family mem-



A member of the Desert Lightning Team drives her vehicle around Davis-Monthan. Driving safely, like obeying the speed limit and refraining from driving under the influence, is crucial to having zero incidents during the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

bers of deployed Airmen can call 884-4100 or 747-2000.

"Jim Click's offer to service military members' cars is incredible," Colonel Massee said. "Beyond showing appreciation, his dealerships will help keep cars in good working order — important to preventing an accident. To me, the Jim Click offer gives a great opportunity for our folks to make sure they have properly operating cars before vacation, better yet, all the time."

"This time of year offers special holiday events, summer activities and travel opportunities," Mr. Barnes said. "Everyone needs to appreciate the distractions and risks associated with these activities and keep focused on what they are doing. We have lost too many friends, relatives and Air Force family members not to heed this warning."

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at

## 850-2233

Friday through Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight for a ride.



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Casualty Assistance.....228-3686  
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(After duty hours).....228-3517  
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Base Operations.....228-4315  
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(After duty hours).....228-3121  
Command Post.....228-7400  
355th Security Forces Crime Stop...228-4444  
Safety.....228-5558  
(After duty hours).....909-0316  
Base locator.....228-3347  
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

## News Notes

### MPF Hours

New hours of operation for the Military Personnel Flight are as follows:

◆ Customer Service: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military in uniform have priority from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.

◆ Records: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To check out records Tuesday between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m., visit Customer Service.

◆ Employments: Appointments are available from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

◆ Outbound Assignments: By appointment only. Documents can be placed in drop box by the door.

◆ Formal training: Appointments from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Documents can be placed in drop box by the door.

◆ Retirements and Separations: by appointment only. Documents can be placed in drop box by the door.

◆ Reenlistments: Appointments from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

◆ Promotions and Testing, Evaluations and the Personnel Readiness Unit are open during normal duty hours.

All MPF sections are closed for in-house training Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and for physical training Thursday from 7 to 9 a.m.

### Warrior Will Days

The D-M Legal Office offers deploying Airmen and their families two days to accomplish deployment-related legal issues. Warrior Will days are June 17 and 24 during normal duty hours. The legal office will be closed to all other legal business these days. All deploying Airmen should have a will worksheet filled out prior to arriving at the legal office. Will worksheets can be picked up from the legal office or any first sergeant.

### New active-duty sick call hours

The new active-duty sick call hours are Monday through Friday from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 12:30 to 1 p.m. during normal duty days. Only active-duty patients in uniform are seen during these times for acute complaints. Patients may continue to use the appointment line, 228-2778, for all other medical concerns.

### Terrorism history

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam launched a renewed offensive against Sri Lankan government forces by storming at least 24 police stations in northern and eastern Sri Lanka June 13, 1990. Several hundred police officers were taken as hostages and a number of these were later killed.

**Right:** A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, assigned to the 357th Fighter Squadron, prepare to deploy during an Operational Readiness Exercise held June 3. The Phase 1 exercise demonstrated the wing's ability to deploy personnel, equipment and aircraft to support contingency operations. The 355th Wing simulated deploying 773 personnel, 504 short tons of cargo, and launched 24 aircraft.



Photo by Airman First Class Jesse Shipps

## ORE

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At the time of publication, Colonel Stark had not yet rated the wing's performance. However, this was his first time overseeing the planning of a Phase 1 and he was impressed.

"The inspection team felt the wing's performance was exceptional," he said.

Colonel Stark said areas where the wing and 55th ECG excelled were the mobility processing of cargo and personnel, as well as the generation of aircraft. The major area to improve on is antiterrorism efforts. Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, wants every Airman to serve as a sensor.

"If you see something that just does not seem right, it probably isn't," Colonel Spencer said. "If someone is ran-

domly taking photos of buildings, activities, patterns of behavior on the installation or staring at one thing for a period of time, it is your duty to challenge them. Be professional and courteous, but ask them the who and why of what they are doing and/or report it immediately to security forces."

All in all, Colonel Spencer was excited with what the Desert Lightning Team did during the exercise.

"Everyone came together as a team," he said. "The results were incredible with some unprecedented 'firsts.' Despite the long hours, spirits were high and it reflected on how well we did. The ultimate payoff was everyone worked safely during this incredible operations tempo and no one was hurt."



**Left:** Senior Airman Matthew Vargo, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, loads baggage on a carrier during a Phase 1 exercise here. Airman Vargo is one of many Airmen who performed augmented duties separate from their normal Air Force duties during the Operation Readiness Exercise.

**Below:** Senior Airman Robert Trevino, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, gathers Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear and other gear needed for deployment to issue to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Airmen during a Phase 1 exercise. Davis-Monthan Airmen participated in the exercise June 2 through Sunday and LRS Airmen issued deployment gear to more than 830 "deploying" Airmen.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce



Photo by Airman First Class Jesse Shipps

**Above:** Three A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft, assigned to the 357th Fighter Squadron, taxi down the runway here while preparing to deploy during a Phase 1 exercise.

# 'Cross into the Blue'

## Air Force finalizes new utility uniform

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — Blue and green tiger stripes are out; the digitized pattern with subdued green, tan, blue and gray is in.

After reviewing more than 150,000 bits of feedback throughout the initial seven-month wear test of the proposed utility uniform, Air Force leaders recently decided to eliminate the original color scheme and conduct a limited field test of the new pattern.

Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Fairchild AFB, Wash., in June.

"The sole purpose of the test is to see if we can add any features to the uniform to make it better in the field and to determine if the new colors (and) pattern provide camouflage protection they need in the field," said

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Airmen who participated in the initial wear test stopped wearing the more vibrant blue-green uniform March 1.

The original wear test involved more than 700 Airmen at 32 bases worldwide who kept detailed daily logs annotating likes, dislikes and wash-and-wear problems. They also completed three surveys.

"Throughout the test, Air Force leaders actively solicited feedback from testers and observers alike to ensure this uniform developed into one that fit the needs of today's Airmen," Sergeant Athnos said.

"There were several avenues for feedback, ensuring that the (Air Force) chief of staff had realistic facts when making the final decision on the uniform," she said.

Those avenues included a survey sent to 45,000 Airmen, a Web site and direct e-mail to the uniform board.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski

Air Force officials released photos of the latest version of the proposed Air Force utility uniform. Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Fairchild AFB, Wash., in June.

"Some comments were positive, some were negative — all of them were provided directly to the chief of staff," Sergeant Athnos said.

The uniform is scheduled to be pro-

cured in mid-2005, officials said. Airmen can expect to purchase the uniform sometime in fiscal 2007. The proposed uniform will be phased in over four or five years.



# CRIME & Punishment

## Davis-Monthan Articles 15, discharges from May 23 to June 3.

◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to Airman basic and a reprimand for **failing to report for duty, failing to follow a lawful order to remain in the local area and making a false official statement to a superior.** These were violations of Articles 86, 92 and 107 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th SFS received a forfeiture of \$728 pay per month for one month, a suspended forfeiture of \$728 pay per month for one month, 10 days extra duty and a reprimand for **viewing and distributing pornography on a government computer.** This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 355th SFS received a reduction to Airman basic, forfeitures of \$571 pay, restriction to Davis-Monthan for 14 days, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand for **wrongful use of the prescription drug, Percocet.** This was a violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

◆ A staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Mission Support Squadron received a reduction to se-

nior Airman, suspended forfeitures of \$978 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty for **being drunk and disorderly and for failing to register a privately owned weapon on base.** These were violations of Articles 92 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An Airman assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to Airman basic and 14 days extra duty for **failing to wear a seatbelt while driving on the flightline and failing to annotate a required daily inspection.** This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An Airman assigned to the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a reduction to Airman basic, restriction to D-M for 14 days and 14 days extra duty for **wrongful use of the prescription drug, Percocet, and underage drinking.** These were violations of Articles 92 and 112a of the UCMJ.

◆ An Airman first class assigned to the 612th Combat Plans Squadron received a suspended reduction to Airman and 14 days extra duty for **not providing documentation ordered to be provided on two separate occasions.** This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An Airman basic assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron was **discharged**

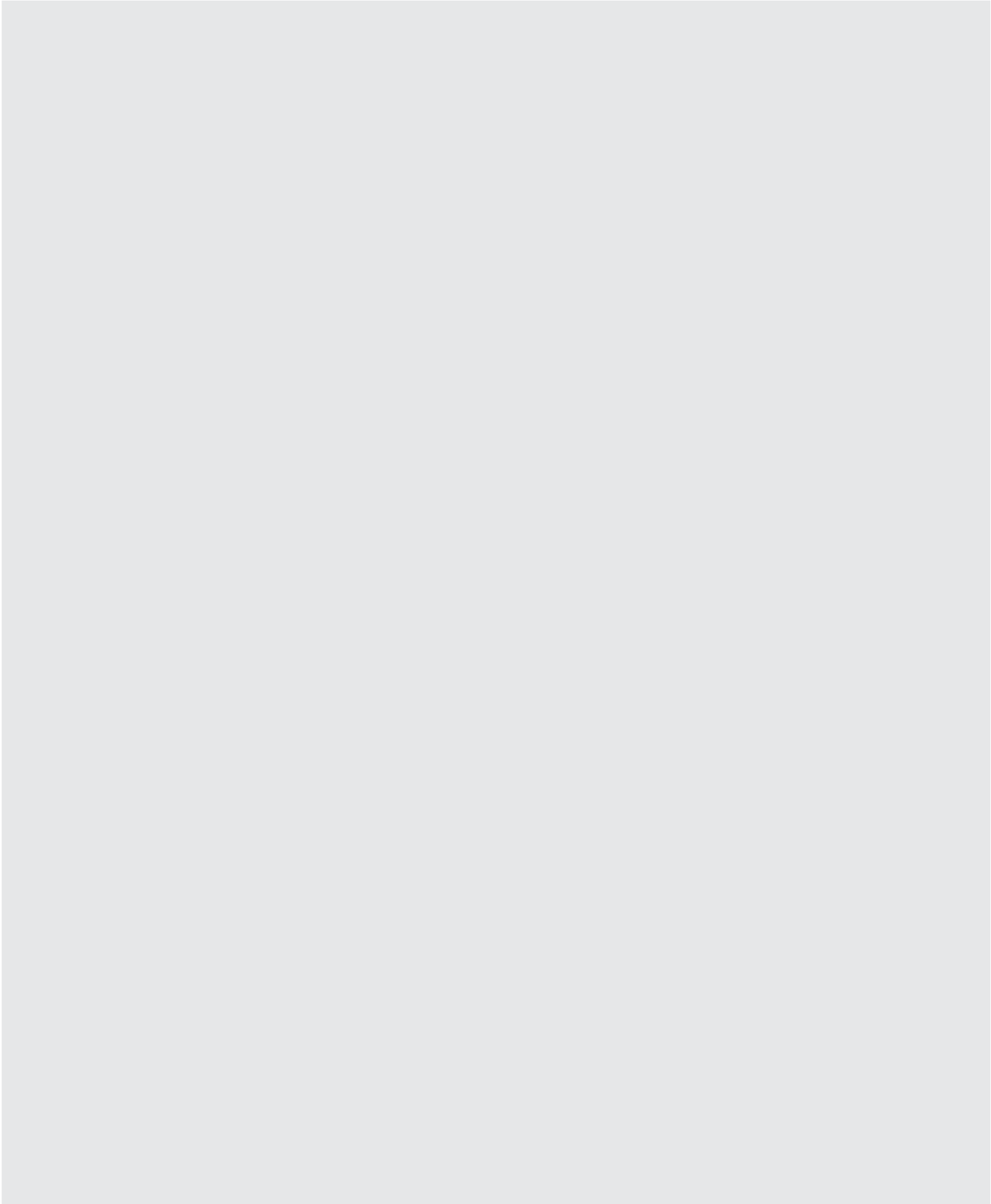
with a general service characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**, supported by one Article 15 with a vacation of suspended action, six Letters of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling.

◆ An Airman basic assigned to the 355th LRS was **discharged** with a general service characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions and for conditions that interfere with military service**, supported by two Articles 15, four Letters of Reprimand and two Records of Individual Counseling.

*(Editor's note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which includes: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact of unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*

## Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

Airmen have the right to be notified and to respond, normally within three duty days, whenever their commander intends to place any adverse documents about them in an Unfavorable Information File. For more information, call the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.





**Left:** Members of the 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron carry an injured soldier from an Army Medevac Blackhawk to the emergency room at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. The medical facility provides care to more than 3,300 Soldiers and Airmen supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

**By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The old saying that a photo is worth a 1,000 words is well known, but to the photographers, every photo is a memory.

During Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr's, 355th Communications Squadron photographer, four month deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, he took many photographs and created several memories.

Many of the photos Sergeant Lohr took while deployed have been used by media outlets such as Airman magazine, Defend America, Joint Combat Camera and more.

Some of the most memorable deployment mo-

ments Sergeant Lohr was able to capture and share with others through photographs include the Iraqi's first free election in decades, the American training of Iraqi firefighters and humanitarian missions.

"The best memories of my deployment were interacting with the Kirkuk children," Sergeant Lohr said. "I was able to take part in Operation Crayon, a program designed to provide school children with much needed supplies. When we arrived at the school with items for the children their faces lit up like it was Christmas."

"There are always interesting things happening when you are deployed," Sergeant Lohr said. "The best part of my job is being able to show these things to the family members of those serving overseas."

# Watching Iraq take new form



**Top:** Fire fighters deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq train Iraqi men who have volunteered to become fire fighters in Kirkuk, Iraq. The new fire fighters have no experience before they began training with the Airmen.

**Left:** Explosive ordnance disposal Airmen at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq place C-4 explosives on weapon casings. There were 9,000 pounds of explosives, including those shown, destroyed in a detonation there.



**Left:** Outside the gates of Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, Iraqi nationals stand in line to vote in the first free democratic Iraqi election.



# Senate confirms Gen Keys as new ACC commander

## General pins on new rank, starts work immediately

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN)** — Ronald E. Keys was confirmed by the U.S. Senate May 26 for promotion to the rank of general and assignment here as the commander of Air Combat Command.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff and a former ACC commander, pinned on ACC's newest commander's four-star rank following the Senate's confirmation. General Keys assumed his commander duties immediately.

"Being selected to command ACC is a tremendous honor, and I thank General Jumper for the opportunity to lead this great command," General Keys said. "I'm looking forward to working with the men and women of ACC and our Guard and Reserve members who serve side by side with us. It's an honor to be their commander. I cannot wait to get started."

Besides his role as ACC's com-

mander, General Keys will also serve as the air component commander for U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Before his assignment as the commander of the Air Force's largest major command, General Keys served as the deputy chief of staff for air and space operations at U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, including more than 300 hours of combat time in Southeast Asia. He has commanded at numerous levels Air Force-wide.

ACC is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready for peacetime air sovereignty and wartime defense. The command has more than 1,200 aircraft, 25 wings, 15 bases and more than 200 operating locations worldwide with about 110,000 active-duty and civilian members. When mobilized, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve contribute more than 800 aircraft and 65,000 people to the command.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Gen. Ronald E. Keys (right) salutes Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper as Chief Master Sgt. David Popp, Air Combat Command command chief master sergeant, holds the guidon during an assumption of command ceremony in Washington May 27. General Keys assumed command of ACC. General Keys will be responsible for more than 1,200 aircraft, 25 wings, 15 bases and more than 200 operating locations worldwide with about 110,000 active-duty and civilian members. General Keys will also serve as the air component commander for U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command.

# Ancient Romans set foundation for teamwork

By Lt. Col. Daniel Runyon

355th Equipment Maintenance  
Squadron commander

In early Roman history, the Roman army relied on an infantry as its main fighting force. This was derived from the Greek phalanx and served well for a long time. The phalanx was unwieldy and slow moving, especially in hilly terrain.

The army evolved over time into the legion, but the strength of the foot soldier in formation was still its power. However, the adversaries the Romans faced found ways to defeat the brute force the Romans fielded in the infantry. By the time of the Byzantine era (the surviving eastern Roman Empire) much of the power on the battlefield had passed into the hands of the cavalry.

As with the old Roman legion, the infantry still fought at the center, with the cavalry at the wings. But often now the lines of the infantry stood further back than the cavalry wings, creating a 'refused' center. Any enemy who would try and attack the infantry would have to pass between the two wings of the cavalry. The ends of the infantry line were protected by the cavalry; the cavalry did not allow the enemy to sweep around the end of the line and break up the infantry's formation. Both the cavalry and infantry had to act as a single force and make and follow a plan to ensure success. If the cavalry and infantry were separated, they could be defeated. But if they stood together and watched out for one another, they were practically unbeatable.

The Romans made huge, lasting contributions to society. They would not have been in a position to do so without a well-disciplined army that protected them and worked so well as a team; infantry and cavalry.

What do the following have in common with the Roman infantry?

An Airman, not yet 21, is at a party and "finds" a beer in his hand. A master sergeant is having marital problems and makes the statement to one of her Airmen that "it'd be better if I weren't around." A staff sergeant is out for a night of fun with his friends and has been drinking with no plan of how he will get home. A motorcyclist is riding with friends and "showboats" for them.

Like the Roman infantry, they all desperately need wingmen to help them out of potentially deadly circumstances waiting to envelop them. We are part of the most powerful Air Force the world has ever seen. However, no one can do it alone ... the sum of the parts is much stronger than the individual. None of us would be successful alone; we must have the support of those around us. We all need the support of our wingmen.

What does it take to be a good wingman? Being a wingman is a 24-hour-a-day job. A good

wingman is engaged with those around him. He is cognizant of what is going on in the lives of his dorm mates or workmates. A good wingman stays involved. If the wingman knows his friend

is going to a party, he makes sure he knows what the plans are. A good

wingman asks questions. How else would you know what the plans and thoughts of your fellow Airmen are? A good wingman listens to the answer given and discerns the true meaning of the words. He "reads between the lines" of what was said to look for problems. A good wingman takes action, even if it is unpopular.

Finally, a good wingman gives feedback to the individual and to a supervisor, if warranted.

While our weapons of war have changed dramatically, ask any fighter pilot how he'd feel going into battle missing

his wingman. The wingman is entrusted

with watching out for the enemy while the lead pilot is focusing on completing the assigned mission. As a team, they can guarantee the assigned target is destroyed. Alone, the chances of success fall dramatically.

The same hold true for everything you do. Know your who your wingmen are and watch out for them while they are watching our for you.



## Would you like to share stories from your deployment?

The 355th Wing is known around the world for the outstanding work and warrior dedication displayed in deployed locations. **The Desert Airman** is looking for any Airman interested in sharing stories from their deployments with the Desert Lightning Community. If you would

like to share your experiences and lessons learned, please contact Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092 or [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil). Sharing deployed experiences helps the Desert Lightning team prepare to deploy when called and be ready to fight when ordered.

## Final Answer — What do you wish you had taken with you on your deployment that you didn't?



**Tech. Sgt.  
Darrel Collins**  
355th Services  
Squadron

*"I wish I had brought a blow-up mattress. You don't always know what your sleeping conditions are going to be."*



**Tech Sgt.  
Robert McCubbins**  
355th Wing

*"I wish I had brought a clip-on book light for reading. Tents are always dark."*



**Senior Airman  
James Wilson**  
355th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron

*"I should have brought aspirin with me. It's the one thing I always forget."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Ricky Collins**  
355th Wing

*"I wish I had brought candy. There wasn't a lot when we got there and that's something you miss."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Kevin Sifford**  
612th Air  
Intelligence Squadron

*"I wish I had brought my wife with me."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
T.J. Rister**  
612th Air Communica-  
tions Squadron

*"Extra batteries. I had a walkman I used constantly and the batteries died. It was about 30 days before I got new ones."*

**(Editors note:** Next week's Final Answer question is: **"If you could go on a temporary duty assignment to any military base, where would you go and why?"** If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, or would like to give new ideas and suggestions for the Final Answer column, contact the **Desert Airman** staff at [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil) or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092. Volunteers who submit answers must be available to take a picture during the same week.)



## Mentorship memos makes D-M better community wingmen

Mentorship Memos let the Desert Lightning community know what volunteer opportunities are available to them.

Members of the Davis-Monthan community have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities both on- and off-base. Some examples can be found here. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 228-5960.

### D-M campground project

Volunteers are currently working on constructing a campground on base for the D-M community. The campground, called 'Camp Lightning' will be available for those interested in tent camping. The next work day is Saturday at 6 a.m. The concrete forms for the ramada footings will be the main task for the weekend. Anyone with questions or those interested in volunteering to help with the project should call Davis-Monthan Boy Scout Troop 784 Eagle project managers James

Fraser, Jr. at 790-1263 or Matt Fecke at 299-6180.

### TCWC

The Tucson Centers for Women and Children provides assistance to women and children who are at physical, emotional or psychological risk because of domestic violence. The Tucson Centers for Women and Children works toward the prevention of domestic violence through community education and the treatment and counseling of children. A volunteer orientation will be held on June 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Lipsey Center, 2545 East Adams St. in Tucson, Arizona. For more information, call the Volunteer Program director at 795-8001.

### CARE Fair

The Children's Assistance & Resource Event Fair will be held July 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to fill positions and several shifts on both days. Volunteers are also needed July 28 to assist with set up and

food preparation. For more information, visit [http://www.volunteersolutions.org/vctucson/volunteer/news/one.tcl?item\\_id=5988600](http://www.volunteersolutions.org/vctucson/volunteer/news/one.tcl?item_id=5988600).

### 4-H Needs Your Help

4-H has programs available for members of the D-M community. Those who would like to assist with a base program can call Kathy Sands at the Youth Center at 228-8373. Opportunities off-base are very broad, from one-time volunteer opportunities to long-term volunteer leadership positions. For more information on programs in Tucson and the surrounding communities, call Curt Peters at 628-5161.

### Child Protective Services

The Department of Economic Security pays for storage units through Child Protective Services. The units serve to hold the belongings of children within the program. The rented storage units don't have shelves. Aviva Children's Services, the non-profit division of Child Protective Services, needs volun-

teers to provide materials and labor to install shelves in these units. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Bonnie with Aviva at 327-6779, extension 13, or send an e-mail to [volunteeraviva@hotmail.com](mailto:volunteeraviva@hotmail.com).

### Mobile Meals

Mobile Meals of Tucson is a private, non-profit organization that has been delivering special-diet meals to the homebound for 34 years. They are looking for volunteers who can help fulfill their mission. The Davis-Monthan community is responsible for delivering meals every Tuesday and Wednesday. The route starts at 11 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. There is currently a need for volunteer drivers. Without new volunteers, the program at Davis-Monthan will cease to exist. Those interested in volunteering or receiving more information can send an e-mail to [nikesh.perryman@dm.af.mil](mailto:nikesh.perryman@dm.af.mil).



## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Tech. Sgt. Jeimmy Bermudez of the 355th Services Squadron. Sergeant Bermudez is a shift leader at the dining facility on base. According to the facility manager, Tech. Sgt. Darrel Collins, he was nominated because he, "is a superior performer who consistently outperforms his peers in all tasks."*

*The following are Sergeant Bermudez's responses to a variety of questions.*

**What are your main job responsibilities?** I ensure all personnel below me are fully trained and motivated through humor. I oversee the entire kitchen dayshift operations from prepping, cooking, to line setup and garnish.

**Why did you join the Air Force?**

When I was a child, I would decorate my room with World War II model airplanes. I spent hours assembling and painting these airplanes, ignoring my homework. My love of aerodynamics and wanting to be a part of history as opposed to simply reading about global changes led me to join the Air Force and follow the path of the "Wild Blue Yonder."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

**What is the best part of your job?**

"Services" is a career field based on ensuring our fighters have the will to fight. It is my responsibility to ensure the morale of our home base or deployed location is high. The best aspect is watching the happiness brought on by my job as we reenergize our troops spirits.

## Chief's Group announces May Sharp Troops

The Chief's Group recognizes Airmen they feel are outstanding for their projection of a professional appearance, outstanding bearing and exceptional professionalism. Congratulations to the following Airmen at Davis-Monthan who were selected as the Chief's Group Sharp Troops for the month of May.

### 474th Operations Group

Tech. Sgt. Vincent D. Handler

### 355th Component Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Max Rippel

### 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Scott Gunn

### 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Hans Trower

### 355th Services Squadron

Senior Airman Ariel Barnes

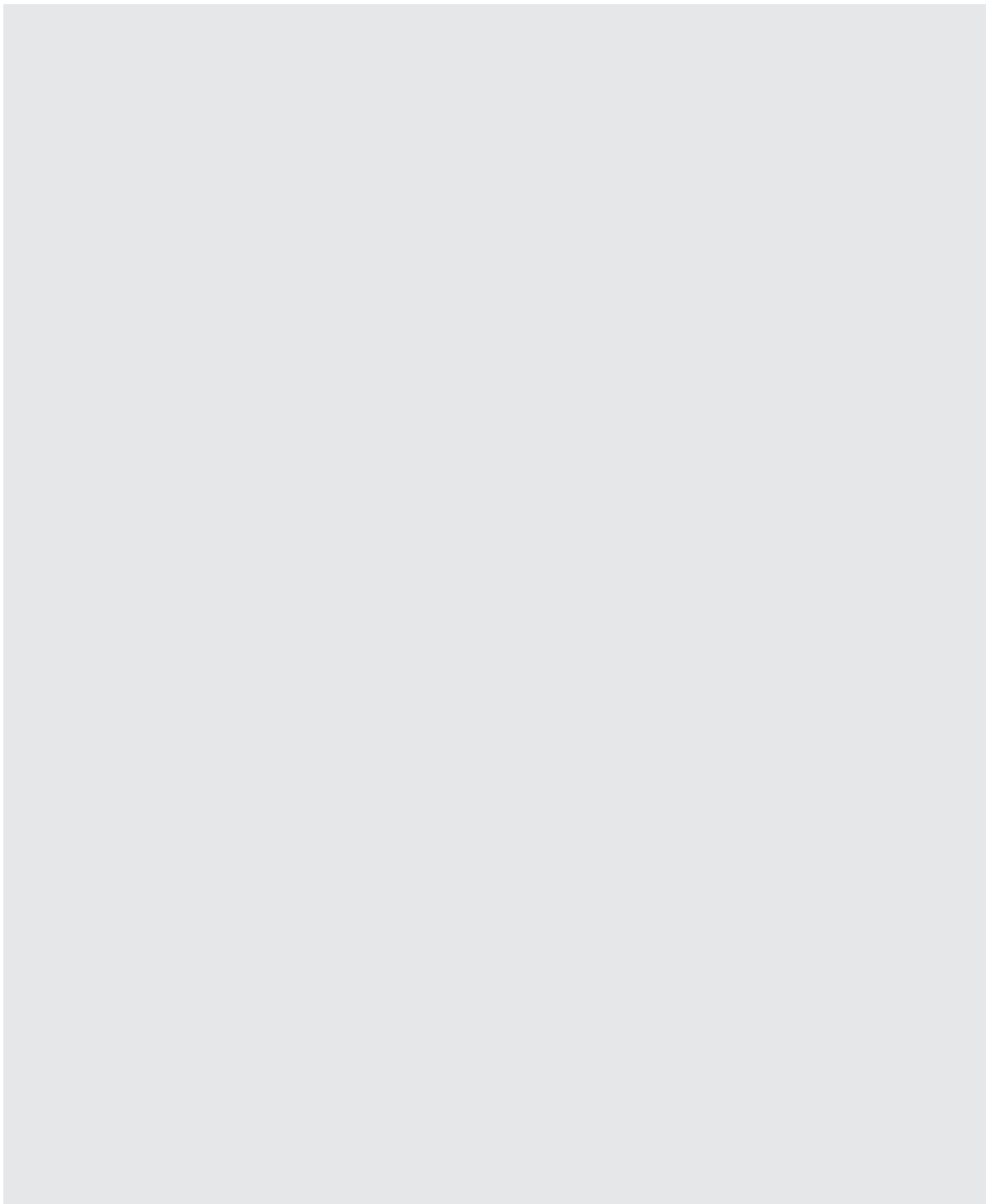






Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Schipps

**Above:** Members of the Desert Lightning community wait in line for their meals at the grand opening of Davis-Monthan's new Base Exchange June 2. The new BX features several restaurants in its food court, including Baskin-Robbins, Robin Hood Sandwiches, Anthony's Pizza and more.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

**Right:** Davis-Monthan's new Base Exchange features a larger barbershop. The barbershop now has 12 chairs which enable it to serve its customers faster.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

**Above:** Davis-Monthan's new Base Exchange houses an optician's office. The office will enable D-M to better serve its community.

## Shop 'til you drop

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan's new Base Exchange opened June 2 with packed parking lots and full food courts.

About 8,000 people visited the new BX on its grand opening, ringing up about \$301,000 in sales for the day, said Darryl Porter, general manager of the BX.

The BX's larger space has enabled the BX to offer its customers better lighting, a larger selection of goods and wider aisles, Mr. Porter said. All of these things make it easier to show merchandise to customers.

The bigger building has also enabled more vendors and restaurants to move onto D-M.

The food court will have many of the restaurants featured in BXs at other Air Force bases including Taco John's, Anthony's Pizza, Baskin-Robbins, Charlie's Steakery, Popeyes Chicken, Robin Hood Sandwiches. Starbucks Coffee Company will join the BX food court by the end of August. The new BX also has a larger barber shop, a larger Military Clothing Sales section, a larger General Nutrition Center, a nail salon, a beauty salon, a dry cleaner, a florist, a tailor, an optician's office, several gift shops and concession-

aires and more. Customers can also expect a car rental agency and a pharmacy by July 1.

With the new BX, AAFES shows its commitment to its customers.

While the BX has a new building, it doesn't mean the end for its old building; it will assume a new role in the lives of D-M's Airmen.

"The opening of this new facility is just the start of good things for our Airmen," Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, said at the opening of the BX. "I'm pleased to tell you that the old BX ... will be transformed into a world-class educational facility called the Professional Development Center. It will include 16 classrooms, a science and language laboratory, the base library and the Base Training and Education Services office for the Desert Lightning Community's educational needs."

These changes demonstrate D-M's commitment to nurturing and developing Airmen.

"This new BX is a clear reminder of the importance we place on installation stewardship here at Davis-Monthan," Col. Spencer said. "It's through quality of life efforts like this that we strive to take care of our Airmen at home and their families when they deploy. You deserve this and I hope you enjoy your new BX."

## Closer look

## Honoring U.S. Army's birthday

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command  
Public Affairs

**Across**

1. TV commercials
4. Prone to doing
7. Tire track
10. Mow
11. By way of
12. Continent home to Camp Humphreys
14. Margarine
15. Football stat
16. Close
17. Pair
18. Question opener, "what \_ \_ \_"
20. Slogan
22. Motel units, in short
24. GWB's party's committee, in short
25. Long's globe opposite
26. Hurricane center
27. Good-to-go
28. Greek letter
29. Type of a/v interference
30. Soldier's break from a

combat zone, in short

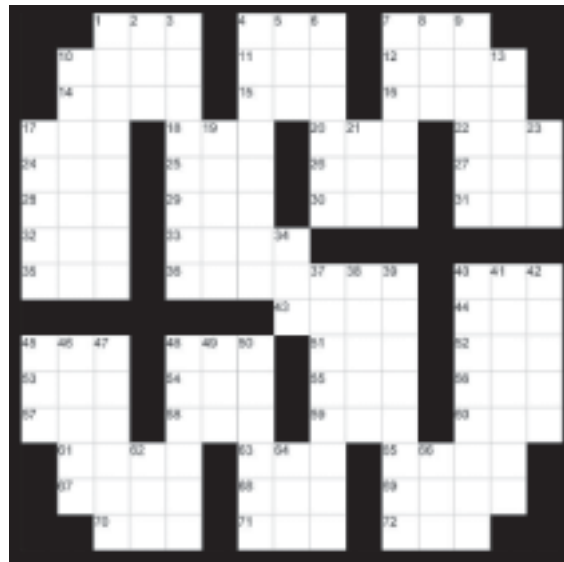
31. \_\_\_ Lanka
32. Op or Dada
33. Anchor
35. Color
36. Wearing wood down by grit paper
40. USA org. for women, once
43. Leg joint
44. Overseas post address
45. Resistance measurement
48. NASA project for Mars, in short
51. Distant
52. Nationwide radio station, in short
53. \_\_\_ vs. Wade
54. 3 to Caesar
55. Cash machine
56. Mil. pay during a PCS
57. MN city airport code
58. USA NCO
59. Fed. cryptology org.
60. Engine need
61. Rounded
63. Capture
65. Hawaiian bird

67. Aged

68. Spring mon.
69. Angered
70. Homer's neighbor
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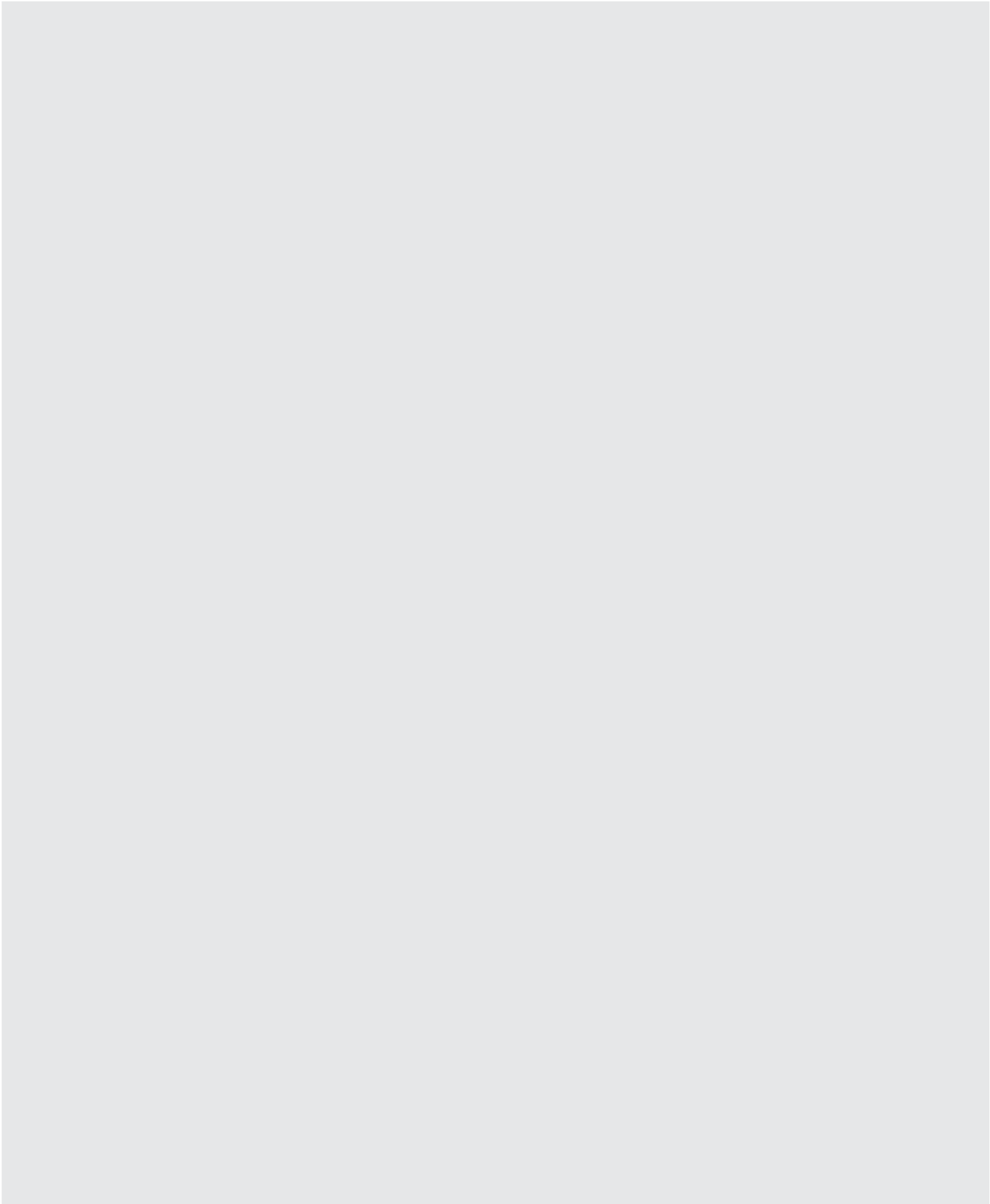
**Down**

1. Divide up
2. Expire
3. Dark horse candidates who don't win elections
4. USA Branch
5. Brooch
6. Torn cloth
7. USA Spec Ops person
8. Draw on
9. Crowns
10. USA code part
13. USA Branch
17. Be afraid
19. Pacific Island
21. Writer Rand
23. Downhill or cross-country
34. Memorex and Sony competitor
37. USA Branch
38. Bovines

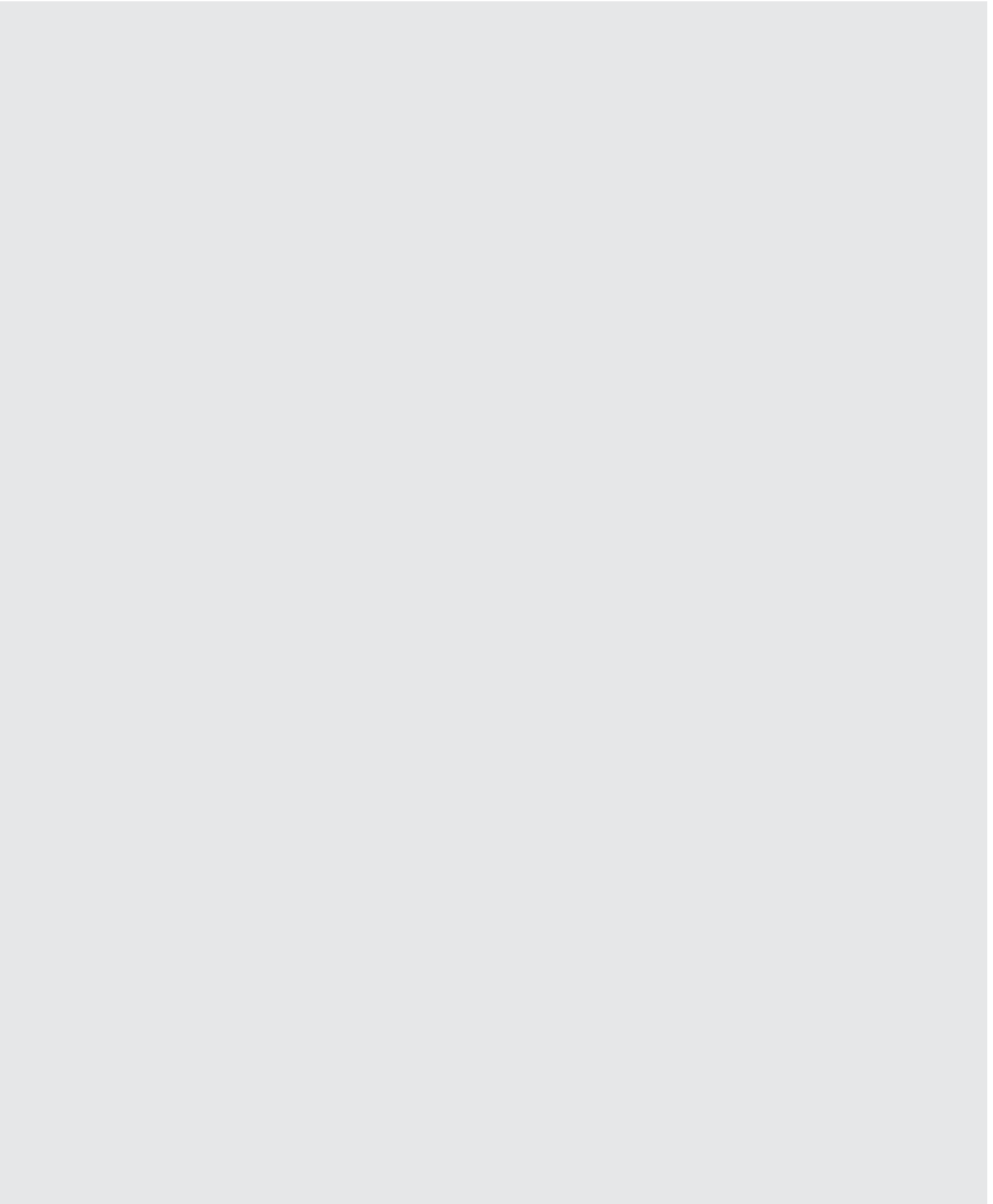


(Solutions to this puzzle are located on Page 26.)

39. Of central European decent
40. With \_\_\_ brutality; was gratuitously cruel
41. Exploited
42. Reef type
45. USAF inspection
46. USA code, in part
47. 1961 Nobel Prize Calvin
48. Deceived
49. USA Soldiers, informally
50. USA Branch
62. Gorilla
64. Fed. Environmental concerns org.
66. Epoch







# Base Golf Course helps D-M swing into summer

Lower fares keep golfers around to battle against rising desert temperatures

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

To stay competitive with courses off base, the Blanchard Golf Course has lowered their rates for the summer.

"Basically almost all of the Tucson area courses lower their rates during the hot Tucson summer to continue to attract golfers," said Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron Marketing publicist.

Monday through Friday the cost is \$19 after 9 a.m., \$16 after 1 p.m. and \$13 after 4 p.m. until sunset. Saturday and Sunday the cost is \$19 after 1 p.m. and \$13 after 4 p.m. until sunset.

While the summer rates are based on time of day, the cost to play before 9 a.m. Monday through Friday or before 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday are based on rank.

"If you enjoy walking the fairways they have even better rates," Mr. Sweeney said.

For \$10, those who don't want a cart can play 18 holes after 1 p.m. or golf all they want from 4 p.m. until sunset for the same rate.

According to personnel at the Golf Course, Blanchard will offer more than just discounted fares this summer.

"The course offers a wide variety of golfing activities as well as a snack bar and lounge

area," said Terry Wilks, 355th SVS Blanchard Golf Course manager. "We have a complete pro shop offering the latest in golf equipment and clothing and a golf instructor is available for individual and group lessons. We also have several practice areas including pitching and chipping areas, putting greens and a driving range."

Activities at the course are not reserved for veteran players. Even those just learning to swing a club have options on base.

"The BGC offers Link Up 2 Golf, a player development initiative that provides participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain speed of play," Mr. Wilks said. "For only \$99, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction and a variety of on-course playing experiences. They also receive a free orientation preceding the clinic that allows participants to learn more about the program, get a tour of their host facility and meet other participants."

There are even options for those without their own set of sticks.

"For those who do not have golf clubs, rental clubs and range balls will be provided free of charge during the clinics," Mr. Wilks said. "Those completing the program will receive a free polo shirt and ball mark repair tool."

While the course caters to those from all levels of play, it also offers something for a variety of ages.

The 4th Annual Air Combat Command Youth Golf/U.S. Kids Golf Clinic will be held at the course July 12 through 14 and July 18 through 20. The program is open to all youth ages 6 to 17 years and focuses on teaching the fundamentals of golf using clubs fitted especially for them.

"The benefits of having the U.S. Kids Golf program here is tremendous for our youth," Mr. Wilks said. "The kids are taught the basic fundamentals using the U.S. Kids Golf Personal Tee Golf Learning Program. The program centers on promoting golf as a life-long sport and teaches youth golf at a variety of skill levels, along with their peers."

To sign up for the program, parents must visit the course to fill out entry forms no later than June 15. The entry fee of \$49.95 includes five one-hour lessons, customized starter clubs, a U.S. Kids golf hat, U.S. Kids T-shirt and end of program parent/child golf tournament. Space is available for the first 50 entries.

For more information regarding any of the services offered by the Blanchard Golf Course, stop by the course or call 228-3734. The course is open everyday from sunrise to sunset.

*Joe Rudigier, retired Army, practices chipping before playing an early morning round of golf at Davis-Monthan's Blanchard Golf Course.*



Photo by Stephanie Ritter

## Fitness Center Classes

The following are classes offered at the Fitness and Sports Center and Haeffner Fitness Center. When applicable, class fees are listed. (\* See instructor for fee information.) For more information regarding the classes, call 228-0021.

### Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Fitness Center  
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC \*  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC \*  
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC\*

### Tuesday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC  
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner  
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

### Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Haeffner  
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC \*  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC \*  
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC \*

### Thursday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC  
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner  
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner  
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

### Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - FC  
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC \*  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) - FC \*  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC\*

### Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

### Sunday

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Toning Class - \$2 - FC

### Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

### Outdoor Recreational Pool

The Outdoor Recreational Pool is now open for the summer season. For more information regarding hours and cost, call 228-0015 or 228-3759.

## Sports Shorts

### Bowling Center specials

The D-M community is invited to visit the Bowling Center this summer for some indoor fun. Monday, kids bowl free from 10 a.m. until noon and shoe rental is \$1.25. Wednesday nights enjoy Family Cosmic bowling from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for a two-hour lane rental or \$20 for a two-hour lane rental and a medium one-topping pizza and pitcher of soda. Kids under 16 years receive free shoe rentals. Every Thursday is Family Dollar Days. Each game and shoe rental is \$1 all day. Friday and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. is cosmic bowling. Bowl to the latest hits (or make a request for some of your favorite songs). The Bowling Center is closed Sunday during the summer. These summer specials end Aug. 15. For more information, call 228-3461.

### 2005 Biathlon Series

The D-M Biathlon Series is the second series of swimming and running events offered by Outdoor Recreation in 2005. The Biathlon

Series events are designed to promote swimming and running as lifelong recreational activities that support personal fitness goals.

Two different events will be offered each month at the Indoor Fitness Pool; sprint and distance. The sprint event will include a 500-meter swim and a 1.5-mile run. The distance portion will include a 1,200-meter swim and a 4.5-mile run. Participates have the option to choose which event they would like to perform.

Event dates are Saturday, July 9 and Aug. 13. Check-in and instructions will begin at 6:30 a.m. each day. Sign up at the Fitness and Sports Center indoor pool's life-guard office. For more information, call 228-0015.

### Scorpion Football, Cheer

The 2005 Scorpion Football and Cheer season is fast approaching. Those interested in participating can sign up each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Verde Park. For more information regarding the season, visit [www.scorpions.tyfsf.com](http://www.scorpions.tyfsf.com) or contact Niki Swindle at 207-9013.

## Intramurals

### Golf

The following scores are provided by Davis-Monthan's Blanchard Golf Course. All scores are current as of June 2. For more information regarding the standings, call the course at 228-3734.

#### Tuesday Standings

Team	W-L-T	GB	Points
355 LRS	2-0-0	---	23 (15)
372 TRS/DET 11	2-1-0	---	22 (9)
355 MOS	2-0-0	---	18 (6)
355 CES	1-0-0	.5	12 (6)
355 CS #1	1-1-0	1	12 (11)
355 EMS	0-1-0	1.5	0 (2)
355 SFS	0-2-0	2	4 (1)
755 AMXS	0-2-0	2	4 (-6)
563 MXS	0-2-0	2	1 (-12)
355 AMXS (AMARC)	0-0-0	2	0 (0)

#### Wednesday Standings

Team	W-L-T	GB	Points
12 AF	2-0-0	---	24 (8)
355 MED	2-0-0	---	23 (-7)
355 MXS	2-0-0	---	19 (11)
355 CMS	2-0-0	---	17 (11)
755 OSS	0-0-1	1.5	6 (6)
355 CS #2	0-1-1	1.5	6 (-36)
355 EMS	0-1-0	1.5	5 (-2)
355 CPTS	0-2-0	2	6 (-8)
355 WING	0-2-0	2	1 (-6)
563 RQG	0-2-0	2	0 (-39)

### Softball

The following scores are provided by the Fitness and Sports Center and are current as of May 30. For more information, call 228-0022.

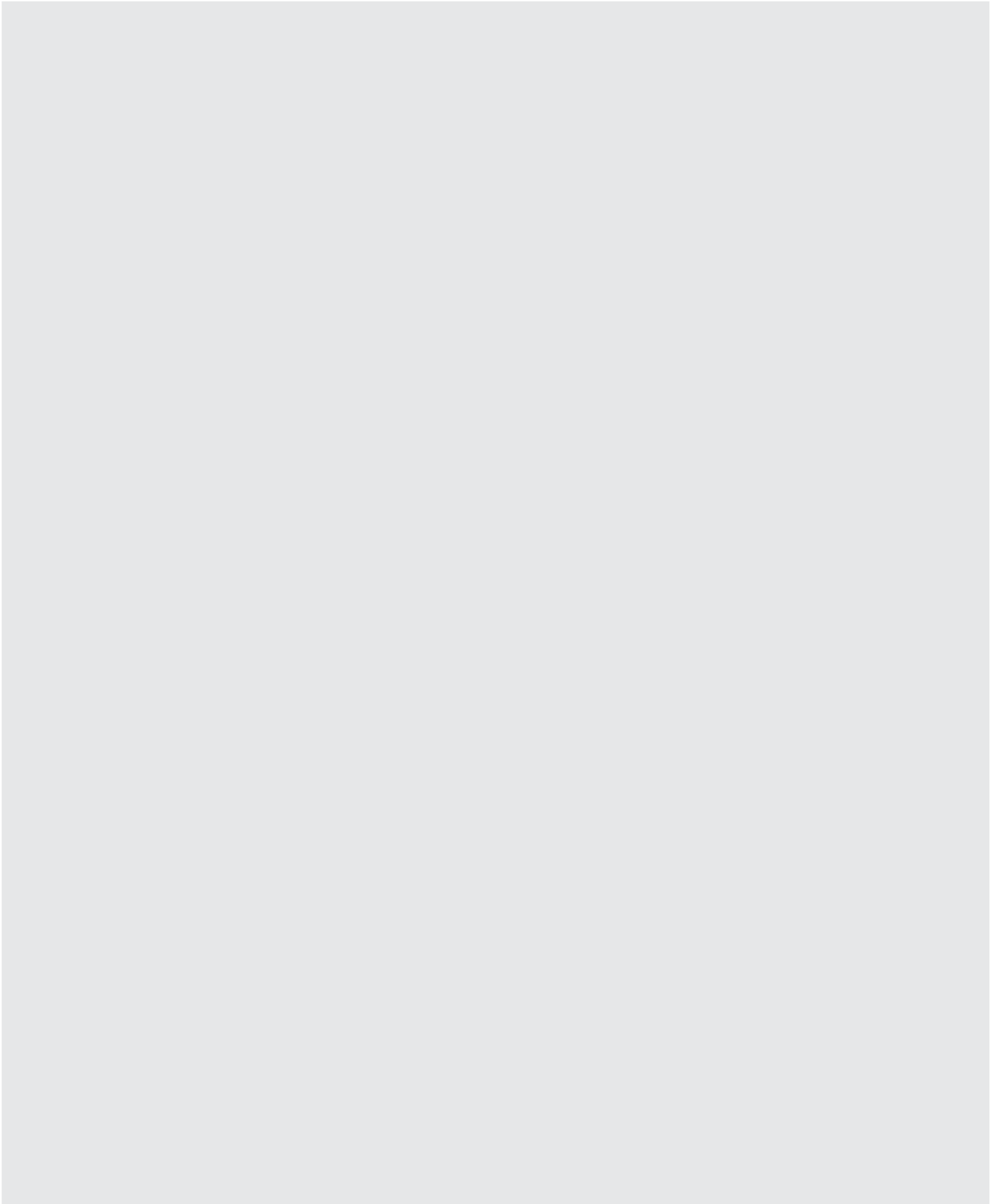
#### Monday/Wednesday Standings

Team	W-L-T
SFS	7-1-0
12 AF 1	7-1-0
CES	5-1-0
EMS	5-3-0
LRS	3-3-0
CS	3-3-0
25 OWS	3-4-0
AMARC	2-4-0
CONS	2-5-0
MDG	1-4-0
563 RQS	1-5-0
355 OSS	0-0-0
CMS 2	0-5-0

#### Tuesday/Thursday Standings

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS	5-0-0
CMS 1	4-1-0
755 AMXS	3-2-0
755 OSS	2-2-0
DECA	2-2-0
12 AF 2	2-2-0
563 MXS	1-3-0
Chiefs	1-3-0
WOMEN'S	0-5-0





## Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapels are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

### Catholic Mass schedule

**Saturday:** First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Sunday:** Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

### Protestant Services schedule

**Sunday:** Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

## Education Services

### June Commissioning Briefings

The Davis-Monthan June Commissioning Briefings will be held June 21 and 23. The June 21 briefing will be at 10 a.m. and covers Basic Officer Training and Air Force Academy Programs. The June 23 briefing will be at 2 p.m. and covers Reserve Officer Training Corps and Medical Programs. For more information, contact Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

### Air War College materials

Air War College has now implemented a change in the method of ordering exams. Students must use the Student Information System at [www.au.af.mil/au/awc/aw/awceso.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/aw/awceso.htm) to order exams and materials. Students should first use this link to establish an account, and then order their materials. For more information, call DSN 493-6093 or commercial (334) 953-5741 or (334) 953-6093.

### NAU Advisor

A representative from Northern Arizona University will be available Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are both welcome. For more information regarding appointments, call 879-7900. For more information regarding the advisor, contact Debra Castelan at 879-7932 or send an e-mail to [Debra.Castelan@nau.edu](mailto:Debra.Castelan@nau.edu).

### University of Phoenix Advisor

A representative from the University of Phoenix will be available Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are both welcome. For more information, call Liz Cummins at 239-5252.

### Last SAT for summer

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support Military Testing Center on D-M will offer the SAT June 17 at 8 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 265. This will be the last



Photo by Chris Sweeney

### Construction update

Construction is still under way at The Mirage Officer's Club. The facility was gutted out to make way for a variety of improvements including new walls, floors, plumbing and more. Renovations also include the addition of The Mountain View Conference Center. The

center will offer five meeting rooms that can accommodate a total of 375 people. Three of these rooms will have partitions that open up into a single room that can seat up to 255 special function attendees. Construction is currently scheduled to be completed in July with The Mirage opening July 8.

Matt Wieden (left), and Greg Spoor, both installers with Mesa Fully Formed, work to join counter tops at The Mirage Officers' Club. Renovations and construction are still under way with the club scheduled to open July 8.

SAT for the summer as directed by DANTES. Testing will resume again in October. Only the ACT will be offered in the testing center from July through September. For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

## Family Support Center

### Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday and June 20 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for departing military members and will acquaint them with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel and June 22 at Reid Park Zoo from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To make reservations for either event, call Jen Dunn at 529-5731. During Time for Tots, parents have the opportunity to come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information regarding the program, call 228-5690.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged

ahead of time. For more information regarding the program, call 228-5690.

### Hearts Apart Welcome Home Banners

Members of the Davis-Monthan community are invited to come join the fun Wednesday at the Hope Chapel from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to make a welcome home banner for their spouse who is returning from a deployment or a temporary duty assignment. All supplies for the event are furnished. However, to attend individuals must be registered with Hearts Apart and must make reservations for the event no later than Monday. Free pizza and refreshments will also be available. For reservations, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### Red Cross Blood Drive

In conjunction with the American Red Cross, the 355th Medical Group hosts a blood drive Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. A Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID is required to donate. To sign up, call Master Sgt. Lisa Short, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, at 228-2759 or Tech. Sgt. Dana Bice, 355th Dental Squadron, at 228-2651.

### Low Fat Cooking Class

The Davis-Monthan Health and Wellness Center offers a Low Fat Cooking Class June 24 from 11 a.m. to noon in Building 4220. To sign up for the event, call 228-2294.

### Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located on Ironwood Street across from the D-M Bowling Center, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, with consignments closing at 11:30 a.m. The Thrift Shop will be closed during July.

## Services Activities

*Information for the Services Activities section of the Desert Airman is courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For more information regarding this section, contact Mr. Sweeney directly at 228-7352.*

### Youth Employment Skills Orientation

The Air Force Aid Society Youth Employment Skills program gives students between ninth and 12th grade the opportunity to work to bank \$4 an hour towards post-secondary school. The YES participant must be an active-duty Air Force dependent and in high school. The program offers a chance for students to learn valuable work skills, bank credits towards their post-secondary education and have a positive impact on their base community. The program runs from now until May 31. Those who are interested in learning more about YES, or those interested in enrolling in the program, can contact Kathy Sands at 228-8373.

### Scholar Summer Special

Honor roll students are invited to bring in their final report card to The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club to receive one free Sunday brunch voucher good through Aug. 31. The student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is a club member. Details and report card vouchers are available at the club cashiers cage or call the club at 228-3100.

### Desert Lightning Community Center

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to

beat the heat this summer and play indoors at the Desert Lightning Community Center. With dozens of table games, board games and lots of other fun things to do, there's something for everyone. In addition, June 25, the Community Center hosts a Flea Market in the Youth Center's parking lot next to Building 6000. The cost per table is \$5, or \$8 for two tables. Those who are interested in participating should register and pre-pay for tables by June 23. The sale starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m.

For more information regarding the Community Center, call 228-3717.

### Fourth of July celebration

Davis-Monthan hosts a Fourth of July celebration again this year at Bama Park. There will be food, beverages and novelty booths along with a Kid's Zone featuring jumping castles and a kid's disc jockey. Live entertainment will be on-hand and a DJ will play the latest hits throughout the event. This year's festivities start at 5 p.m. A fireworks display synchronized to music will begin at 8:30 p.m. On-base shuttles will be available from both elementary schools beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 10 p.m. Maps will be available on the back of the Fourth of July flyers available throughout Services Activities. Coolers and pets are not allowed at the event. For more information, call Jody Evans at 228-3841 or send an e-mail to [jody.evans@dm.af.mil](mailto:jody.evans@dm.af.mil).

### Preteen Girl Power Day

D-M will host a Preteen Girl Power Day

July 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. As part of a Boys & Girls Club of America Skills Mastery and Resistance Training Program, Preteen Girl Power is a prevention program that educates girls about healthy attitudes and lifestyles. During the day, topics may include physical and emotional growth; media influence and body image; eating disorders; sexually transmitted diseases; the importance of regular health exams; exercise and physical activity; culture and food; and healthy appetites. The event will include guest speakers from D-M's Health and Wellness Center and Women's Clinic. For more information, call Kathy Sands at 228-8373.

### Air Force club scholarship program

The Air Force Clubs are giving away \$25,000 in scholarships. There will be six scholarships awarded, with the top prize of \$6,000 for higher education costs. Scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay. All entries must be submitted to the 355th Services Squadron Marketing Director, 5375 E. Kachina St, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 85707-4922, no later than July 15. Current Air Force Club members and their family members who have been accepted by, or are enrolled in, an accredited college or university for entry during the fall 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible. This is the eighth year that Air Force Clubs has offered this benefit to members. For more information regarding rules and entry forms, visit an Air Force Club or go to <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/Clubs/Scholarship.htm>. Individuals can also call 228-5950.

